



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**March 3-4, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

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#### **Parish Registration**—Contact the Parish Office

#### **Parish Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112238392199573/>

#### **Knights of Columbus Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/kofcrockymountva/>

#### **Youth Group Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168563686553669/>

**Pastoral Council:** Lynore Arrington, Gilberto Ayala, Gloria Clift, Albert Galvan (co-chair), Martha Graf, David King, Manuel Ortiz, Dan Shanahan (co-chair), Jack Shanahan (youth).

**Finance Council:** Donna Allgauer, Mary Lou Denis, Brenda Maus, John McKenna, Cindy Turpin

*Please contact the parish office of anyone you know is ill and would like communion or anointing of the sick.*

*If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the parish office or pastoral emergency Contact number as soon as possible. We want to be of service.*

## Liturgies and Events

Mar 3	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Third Sunday of Lent
Mar 4	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Third Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	Tamale Breakfast
Mar 5- Mar 7	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Mar 8- Mar 9	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both days)
Mar 9	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mar 10	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Fourth Sunday of Lent FoF Lily Mart
Mar 11	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Fourth Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	FoF Lily Mart
Mar 15- Mar 16	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both days)
Mar 16	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mar 17	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mar 18	Sun	8:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Mar 22- Mar 23	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both days)
Mar 23	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in English or Spanish on Thursday and Friday at 11:30am or on Saturday at 3:45pm. An appointment is necessary for any other time.

## Readings, March 10-11, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading ..... II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/32  
 Second Reading ..... Ephesians 2:4-10  
 Gospel..... John 3:14-21

## Ministries, March 10-11, 2018

	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Lectors:	C. Kern C. Cruz-Ramirez	D. King E. Kennedy
Ushers:	R. Long B. Schmachtenberg	B. Bannan C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	T. Manning	V. Cruz N. Vasquez
Linens:	L. Bezy	

## St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

**Altar server Coordinator:** Jack Shanahan

**Captains:** Andrew Long, Mickey Shanahan, Christian Escobar, Zach Harpin.

**Servers:** Eduardo Escobar, Jose Lozano, Omar Lozano, Tommy Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Jonathan Castaneda, Paul Garcia, Eduardo Cruz, Arturo Garcia, Allen Castaneda, Venesa Tamona, Alex Harpin & Josh Harpin.

## Mass Intentions

Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Friday, March 9, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For the repose of the soul of Francis Michael Dombkowski*

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

## Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

### Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Helen Scarfe
Paul Eames	Timothy Wade
Wilhelm Hausler	Anne Wilson
Jerry Ann Holt	Bobby Young
Raymond Kloos	Frank Young
Regina Opalka	

### In Need of Prayer

Duck Akers	Raymond Kloos
Marilyn Blauert	Tristen Mejia
Cirenio Cruz	Faye Phillips
Albert Galvan	Judy Ratcliff
Ronald L. Hall	Bill Siler
Sharon Hernandez & Family	Rod & Ruth Williamson
Betty Holden	Sharon Young & Family

### Home Bound

Jeanne Banks	Dolly LeMond (Home)
Terry Coates (Home)	Ann Syminink (Home)
Leigh Doninger (Franklin Health Center)	Dorothy Weiss (Home)

### US Military

Lt. Col. Timothy Carey	Joseph Lyons
Noah Davis	James Manning
Brennan Dopp	Jason Presley
Brandon Furrow	Capt. Raine Maus
John J. Griffio III	Francheska J. Remmert



### Third Sunday of Lent-

John's vivid depiction of the cleansing of the Temple offers us insight into Jesus' outrage at the abuses in the Temple precinct. The money changers and those selling unblemished animals for sacrifice

were gouging the traveler and the poor, who had no recourse but to purchase what they needed from extortionists. In doing this, Jesus stands within the tradition of the prophets, who come to Israel to call her back to sanctity. The Talmud calls for the very sanctity that Jesus seeks. His bold disruption of commerce, and the revenue it provided to the less-than-scrupulous is experienced as very threatening, as is his comment that he can raise the Temple up in three days. This comment-about his body but perceived as a threat to the holy building-is very likely the moment that set in motion the desire of the Temple authorities to turn him in to Rome.

**Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)**-Father Mark will lead Stations of the Cross at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

**Morning Prayer/Rosary**-Please consider making an **offering of prayer** during Lent by joining in the Liturgy of the Hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10am.

### REMEMBER YOUR RICE BOWLS!

**Youth Group (6th to 12th grades)**-We will meet Thursdays during Lent, Mar 8, 15, 22 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm (not the week of Ash Wednesday nor Holy Week). We will have a short time of reflection and prayer in the church followed by snacks and games in the social hall. On Good Friday, we will present our crosses at the 7pm liturgy and remain for 30 minutes afterwards for a time of meditation with music from the brothers in Taize. **Parents:** The youth need one parent volunteer each Thursday during Lent to help at the youth meetings. No experience or preparation is necessary. Contact Bernadette Harmon, text/call 3019382213 or via Facebook.

**Adult Faith Formation Class**-The next two classes for adult faith formation will be on St. Catherine of Sienna and will meet on Wednesday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. These classes include a video presentation from the multi-part series Catholic Pivotal Players hosted by Bishop Barron. There will be a subsequent group discussion and no preparation or participation in previous classes are required. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net).

### Important Upcoming Dates

*Please keep our FHC and Confirmation candidates in prayer as they make their final preparations.*

**Sunday, March 4 during 8am Mass**-Rite of Recognition for Confirmands

**Saturday, March 10 at 1:30pm**-First Confessions

**Sunday, March 11 at St Andrews**-Confirmation Retreat

**Saturday, March 17 at 1:30pm**-First Confessions

**Thursday, April 12 at 7:00pm** at St Andrews-Confirmation

**Saturday, May 19 during 4:30pm Mass**-First Holy Communion.

### Próximas Fechas Importantes

*Por favor oren por los niños que están preparándose para recibir el sacramento de la primera comunión sagrada y para los candidatos para la confirmación que están preparándose para recibir el último sacramento de iniciación.*

**Domingo el 4 de marzo durante la misa de las 8am**-Rito de reconocimiento para los candidatos para la confirmación.

**Sábado, el 10 de marzo a las 1:30pm**-Primeras confesiones

**Domingo el 11 de marzo en San Andrés**-Retiro de confirmación

**Sábado el 17 de marzo a las 1:30pm**-Primeras confesiones

**Jueves el 12 de abril a las 7pm en San Andrés**- Confirmación

**Sábado el 19 de mayo durante la misa de las 4:30pm**-Primera Comunión Sagrada

### *Optional Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity March 7*

In the year 203, Saints Perpetua and Felicity were martyred in the amphitheater at Carthage. Their crime was professing faith in Jesus Christ. Perpetua was a wealthy noblewoman, the mother of a young son; Felicity was a humble slave girl, who gave birth to a daughter just a few days before she died. These women, so different in their circumstances, were united in their death. The names of these heroic women are included in Eucharistic Prayer I, alongside the names of Apostles and martyrs. They lived today's Gospel, praying for their persecutors.

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
February 24-25, 2018 .....	\$2,229
Weekly Shortfall.....	\$1,271
Haiti .....	\$890
February Monthly Total.....	\$9,200.67
<b>February Monthly Shortfall .....</b>	<b>(\$4,799.33)</b>



*Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. (Deuteronomy 15:10)*

## Español

**Estaciones de la Cruz (Bilingüe)**-Padre Mark estará lidiando las Estaciones de la Cruz cada viernes durante Cuaresma a las 7 de la tarde.

**Oración Matutina**-Por favor considere participar en la oración de la mañana los lunes, martes, y miércoles de las 9am hasta las 10am como una ofrenda cuaresmal. Experimente las bendiciones de la Cuaresma mientras nos unimos en oración.

**Oración Por la Vida**-Por favor únase con nosotros al ofrecimiento de oración diaria durante Cuaresma para un fin del aborto. Las tarjetas de oración están en la mesa en la sala común.

**Desayuno de tamales**-Apoyen al ministerio hispano en su desayuno de tamales domingo, el 4 de marzo.

## **2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Building Our Family of Faith***

### **A Letter from Our Bishop**

Welcome to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal ~ *Building Our Family of Faith*.

As I begin my ministry as the 13th Bishop of Richmond, I think about how far this Diocese has come since its inception in 1820. In recent years, one of the key components of advancing our Catholic Faith has been the Annual Diocesan Appeal. It has become a part of the fabric that binds us together as a family of faith. When our larger ministries and parishes receive funding through the Appeal, we as a Church are ensuring that they can thrive today while building for tomorrow.

With a grateful heart, I hope all parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi will join with us this year to accomplish our most challenging goal to date of \$3,117,096. Please know that whatever level you contribute; your gift will be most humbly received.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout  
Diocese of Richmond

*Many of you have received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of March 10-11 and 17-18. It is very important for all of us to make a gift to the 2018 Appeal. All pledges can be paid in 10 convenient monthly installments. Please answer Bishop Knestout's request and make a generous gift. Thank you in advance for your support.*

## **Apelación Diocesana Anual 2018: *Construyendo Nuestra Familia de Fe***

### **Una carta de nuestro Obispo**

Bienvenidos a la Apelación Diocesana Anual 2018 – *Construyendo Nuestra Familia de Fe*.

Al comenzar mi ministerio como el XIII Obispo de Richmond, pienso en lo lejos que ha llegado esta Diócesis desde su inicio en 1820. En los últimos años, uno de los componentes clave para el avance de nuestra Fe Católica ha sido la Apelación Anual Diocesana. Se ha convertido en una parte del tejido que nos une como una familia de fe. Cuando nuestros ministerios y parroquias más grandes reciben fondos a través de la Apelación, nosotros, como iglesia, nos aseguramos de que puedan prosperar hoy mientras construyen para el mañana.

Con un corazón agradecido, espero que todos los feligreses de San Francisco de Asís unan a nosotros este año para lograr nuestra meta más desafiante hasta la fecha de \$3,117,096. Por favor, sepa que sea cual sea el nivel al que contribuya; su donación será humildemente recibida.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout  
Diócesis de Richmond

*Muchos de ustedes han recibido una carta del Obispo Knestout solicitando su apoyo. Para aquellos de ustedes que no recibieron un correo o no han tenido tiempo para responder, llevaremos a cabo nuestro proceso de compromiso en todas las misas durante los fines de semana del 10 al 11 de marzo y del 17 al 18. Es muy importante para todos nosotros hacer una contribución a la Apelación 2018. Todas las promesas se pueden pagar en 10 cómodas cuotas mensuales. Por favor, responda la solicitud del Obispo Knestout y haga un regalo generoso. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo.*